

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: External Administrative Costs

Program Components	2001 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2002 Budget Request	Change From 2001 (+/-)
A. Employee Compensation Payments	16,592	+974	0	17,566	+974
B. Unemployment Compensation Payments	9,761	+1,016	0	10,777	+1,016
C. Park Police Pension Payment	[18,663]	+21,963	0	21,963	+21,963
D. External ADP Charges	4,087	0	0	4,087	0
E. Printing	604	0	0	604	0
F. Telecommunications	9,866	0	0	9,866	0
G. Postage	4,916	0	0	4,916	0
H. GSA Space Rental	39,543	+2,457	0	42,000	+2,457
I. Drug-Free Workplace	316	0	0	316	0
J. Departmental Program Charges	13,723	+743	0	14,466	+743
Total Requirements \$(000)	99,408	+27,153	0	126,561	+27,153

AUTHORIZATION

16 U.S.C. 1	The National Park Service Organic Act
Public Law 85-157	Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act amendments of 1957
5 U.S.C. 8509	Federal Employees Compensation Account

OVERVIEW

The **External Administrative Costs** activity includes funding support necessary to provide and maintain services that represent key administrative support functions whose costs are largely determined by organizations outside the National Park Service and whose funding requirements are therefore less flexible. The requirements for these services are mandated in accordance with applicable laws; to promote efficient performance of the National Park Service, they are most effectively managed on a centralized basis.

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APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
 - Ila Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
 - Ilb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
 - IIla Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
 - IVa The National Park Service uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission.
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A. Employee Compensation Payments FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$16,592,000

Funding allows for financial compensation to National Park Service employees in the event of a job-related injury. The National Park Service makes payments to the Employees' Compensation Fund at the Employment Standards Administration within the Department of Labor to cover the cost of compensation claims awarded to Service employees during the previous fiscal year. The FY 2002 payment includes an estimated increase of \$974,000 over FY 2001 which brings the FY 2002 estimated total to \$17,566,000.

B. Unemployment Compensation Payments FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$9,761,000

Funding provides unemployment compensation to qualifying former personnel as prescribed under the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-499), which requires that all unemployment benefits paid to former Federal employees, based on Federal service performed after December 31, 1980, be reimbursed to the Federal Employees' Compensation account of the unemployment trust fund by each Federal agency. At this time, billing information is not available at the bureau level. The Department has distributed the total cost among affected bureaus on the basis of total separations. The level of separations for the National Park Service is the highest of the Department because of the large number of seasonal staff. The FY 2002 estimated payment is \$10,777,000, which reflects an increase of \$1,016,000 from FY 2001.

C. United States Park Police Pension Fund Payments FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: [\$18,663,000]

United States Park Police officers hired prior to January 1, 1984 retire under provisions of Public Law 85-157, the "Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act amendments of 1957." This law authorizes the payment of appropriated funds to the extent that benefit payments exceed the deductions from salaries of covered active duty employees.

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These United States Park Police officers are not covered by Social Security nor are they eligible for a capital accumulation plan with matching contribution. The retirement benefit increases for retirees according to the incremental rate of increase in basic pay for active duty Park Police officers. Widows and other survivors receive increases on the basis of a cost-of-living adjustment formula. Funding is required to pay retirement benefits to new retirees, widows, and dependents, as well as increase costs for cost-of-living and pay adjustments.

In FY 2002, the NPS is proposing the transfer of this component from the United States Park Police appropriation back to the Operation of the National Park System appropriation, as was the case prior to FY 2001.

D. External ADP Charges FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$4,087,000

Funding provides for online charges billed to the NPS from other agencies such as the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation to operate Servicewide ADP systems including portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS), the Fixed Asset Property System, an internet-based information exchange system (ParkNet), and an automated SF-52 system. A funding increase was provided in FY 2001 for the enhancement of information technology bandwidth capability. FY 2002 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2001.

E. Printing FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$604,000

Funding covers the costs of printing associated with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Departmental printing plant. FY 2002 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2001.

F. Telecommunications FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$9,866,000

Funding provides Servicewide data network service, Internet service, and telephone service through the Federal Telecommunication System (FTS) network and commercial telephone costs. The costs of these services are dictated by rates established by GSA and the telecommunications companies. This program supports critical mission related activities in every park and is vital in ensuring the NPS maintains the ability to effectively communicate with external partners and over 260 million visitors through the Internet and other methods that will emerge in the 21st century. FY 2002 base funding needs are unchanged from FY 2001.

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G. Postage FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$4,916,000

Funding provides Servicewide postage needs. Postage metering is managed through a central contract that provides services nationwide. FY 2002 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2001.

H. GSA Space Rental FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$39,543,000

Funds provide the office space and related services leased through the General Services Administration (GSA) by National Park Service park units and administration. In addition to general office space, leases include storage, food service, conference, training, and light industrial facilities and parking space where necessary. Rental space includes Federally-owned buildings operated by the GSA and buildings owned in the private sector which the GSA leases and makes available for public use. The standard level user charges paid by the Service are determined by the GSA and billed on a quarterly basis. In FY 2002, uncontrollable cost adjustments include increases of \$832,000 due to rental rate increases. The uncontrollable cost adjustments also include \$1,625,000 to cover increased charges associated with the relocation of the National Park Service headquarters from the Main Interior Building to a new building. The increase would accommodate the higher space rental costs of the new building, as well as covering costs for common space in the Main Interior Building for which the NPS is still responsible.

I. Drug-Free Workplace FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$316,000

Funds the Park Service share of the costs of the Department's Drug Free Workplace program to foster a drug-free workplace. FY 2002 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2001.

J. Working Capital Fund FY 2001 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$13,723,000

Funds the Park Service share of the costs of Departmentwide programs and activities such as the Departmental library, audits and inspections, the Federal Information Centers, and spectrum management. This includes costs associated with the support of the Federal Personnel/Payroll System (FPPS), the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System, and portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS). The FY 2002 funding proposal includes an estimated increase of \$743,000 in Departmental charges over FY 2001, which brings the FY 2002 estimated total to \$14,466,000.